

What is claimed is:

[Claim 1] A computer-implemented method to facilitate auditing of data in a database:

entering first data into a first database;
entering second data into at least one second database; and,
comparing said first data and said second data to determine if certain entries of data are substantially similar prior to an authorization for a transaction.

[Claim 2] The method of claim 1, wherein said data includes rate data.

[Claim 3] The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one second database includes at least one IMDS database.

[Claim 4] The method of claim 1, wherein said comparing step includes obtaining said second data from said at least one second database.

[Claim 5] The method of claim 1, wherein said comparing step includes obtaining said second data from said at least one second database using at least one of SQL query, screen scraping and pattern recognition.

[Claim 6] The method of claim 1 further including at least one of recording and reporting at least one discrepancy resulting from said comparing step.

[Claim 7] The method of claim 1 further including negotiating a rate related to travel related services.

[Claim 8] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of entering first data into a first database is facilitated by a broker.

[Claim 9] The method of claim 1, wherein said step of entering second data into at least one second database is facilitated by a service provider.

[Claim 10] The method of claim 1 further including converting currency to a common currency type.

[Claim 11] A computer-implemented method to facilitate auditing of rate data in a database:

- entering first rate data into a first database;
- entering second rate data into a second database; and,
- comparing said first rate data and said second rate data to determine if certain entries of rate data are substantially similar.

[Claim 12] The method of claim 11, wherein said second database includes a IMDS database.

[Claim 13] A system configured to facilitate auditing of data in a database:

- a first database having first data;
- at least one second database having second data; and,
- an RT server configured to compare said first data and said second data to determine if certain entries of data are substantially similar prior to an authorization for a transaction.